

Amendments to the Drawings

The attached sheets of drawings include changes to FIGS 2, 5, 7A, 7B, 8A and 8B. These sheets replace the original drawings of FIGS 2, 5, 7A, 7B, 8A and 8B. Replacement sheets and annotated sheets showing changes in red are included in the Appendix, which begins at the end of this paper.

REMARKS

Claims 1- 28 are pending in this application. The Examiner objected to the drawings due to informalities; rejected claim 25 as being indefinite; rejected claims 1 – 28 on the ground of non-statutory obviousness type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1 – 33 of U.S. Patent No. 6,293,923 (hereinafter referred to as “the ‘923 patent”); claims 1 – 52 of U.S. Patent No. 6,398,718 (hereinafter referred to as “the 718 patent”); and claims 1 – 7 of U.S. Patent No. 6,746,421 (hereinafter referred to as “the ‘421 patent”); and provisionally rejected claims 1 – 28 on the ground of non-statutory obviousness type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1 – 38 of copending Application No. 10/533,640 (hereinafter referred to as “the ‘640 application”).

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application in view of the following remarks. It is respectfully submitted that new matter within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §132 has been added to the application.

In the Drawings

Drawing figure 2 has been amended to more accurately reflect element number 255 as “a processor.” Drawing figures 5 and 7A have been amended to replace element number “5” with element number – 305 –. Drawing figure 7A has been amended to remove element number 22 and to replace element number “23” with element number – 823 –. Drawing figure 8A and 8B has been amended to remove element number “722.” With respect to figure 11, element number 903 has been added to the specification. With respect to “second terminals” recited in line 4 of claim 1, the specification has been amended to reflect element number 265, which was shown in originally filed figure 2, as “second terminals.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §112

The Examiner rejected claim 25 and the claims dependent thereon under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph for not providing sufficient antecedent basis for the phrase “the balloon” and for the phrase “the urinary bladder.”

By this Response and Amendment, Applicants have amended claim 25 to provide proper antecedent basis for the noted phrases. In particular, claim 25 has been amended to depend from claim 7, which recites “an inflatable balloon,” and claim 25 has been further amended to replace “the urinary bladder” with – the body cavity –, which is recited in claim 1, the ultimate base claim of claim 25. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the rejections.

Double Patenting Rejections

Along with this Response and Amendment, Applicants submit terminal disclaimers to overcome the double patenting rejections noted by the Examiner. The terminal disclaimer is for the purpose of expediting prosecution and is not to be construed as an admission that the present claims are obvious over the cited claims. Applicants respectfully request the withdrawal of these rejections.

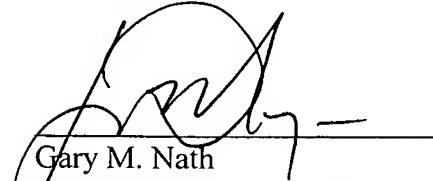
CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing, Applicants submit that the application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes the application is not in condition for allowance, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner call the undersigned.

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APPENDIX